

REMARKS

This is an Amendment after Allowance but before application of the issue fee payment to make minor formal changes to the specification as filed without affecting the merits of this application. No new matter is involved. Accordingly, entry of this Amendment under the provisions of 37 C.F.R. 1.312 is warranted.

Particularly, references to commonly owned applications originally filed in Japan have been updated to reflect corresponding U.S. filings that were made after the filing of this application, as well as the corresponding international filings. None of these references qualify as prior art in the present application as they are commonly owned, and all have publication dates, if any, that are later than the priority date of this application.

Applicant believes no fee is due with this response. However, if a fee is due, please charge our Deposit Account No. 18-0013, under Order No. SON-2798 from which the undersigned is authorized to draw.

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Respectfully submitted,

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